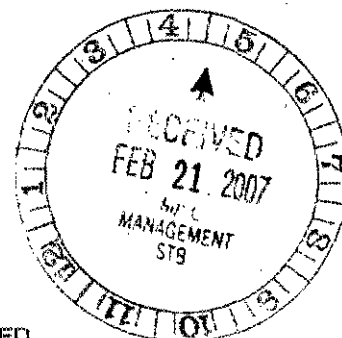




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RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.66 near Hampton to M.P. 326.50 near Coulter, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 201X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated February 16, 2007, for an additional 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.66 near Hampton, Iowa to Milepost 326.50 near Coulter Iowa, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for an additional 180-day extension in which to negotiate commencing February 24, 2007. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,


Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council

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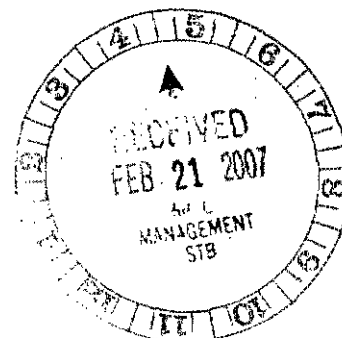
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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is being made to AB-33 (Sub No. 201 X) with the request that another 180 days be granted for the purpose of negotiating acquisition of this right-of-way between Hampton and Couster in Franklin County, Iowa, the present time for these negotiations expiring on February 23.

We have not been able to finalize our agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad during the previous allowed time periods. We are providing a copy of this letter to the Railroad at their Omaha office and their Chicago office, thereby notifying them of our desire to continue these negotiations for the purpose of acquiring this corridor.

Ten copies of this letter are being provided for your use.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan